

Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS)
Virginia Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (VELAP)

NOTICE TO LABORATORIES

**Notice of Revision to 1VAC30-46,
Accreditation for Commercial Environmental Laboratories
Effective April 1, 2022**

1VAC30-46, Accreditation for Commercial Environmental Laboratories (“Chapter 46”) has been revised with an effective date of April 1, 2022. Laboratories will be assessed according to the revised regulation on or after November 1, 2022. Between April 1, 2022 and November 1, 2022 VELAP will accept compliance with either the 2009 TNI Standard or the 2016 TNI Standard.

As soon as possible after April 1, 2022, the revised Chapter 46 regulation will be available for download from the VELAP web page, <http://www.dgs.virginia.gov/dcls>, or available from the VELAP office upon request.

The regulation incorporates by reference the 2016 TNI Standards for Environmental Laboratories and Accreditation Bodies:

- **Volume 1:** Management and Technical Requirements for Laboratories Performing Environmental Analysis (EL-V1-2016, Rev. 2.1) and
- **Volume 2:** General Requirements for Accreditation Bodies Accrediting Environmental Laboratories (EL-V2-2016, Rev. 2.0).

The **TNI 2016 Standard Volume 1** is available for purchase in an electronic format from TNI: <http://www.nelac-institute.org/content/shop.php>. The **TNI 2016 Volume 1 checklist** is also available from TNI, after purchase of the standard, at: <http://www.nelac-institute.org/content/VELAP/qscheck2016-access.php>. Laboratories do not need to purchase Volume 2, applicable to Accrediting Bodies.

Laboratories holding accreditation under 1VAC30-46 are encouraged to immediately begin to become familiar with the 2016 TNI Standard Volume 1. Incorporating the TNI 2016 Volume 1 checklist into the next internal audit is strongly recommended.

All laboratories accredited under 1VAC30-46 should review resources provided by VELAP to assist laboratories in compliance. These resources may be found on the laboratory accreditation toolbox page under the header “Regulatory Updates – 2022” at <http://www.dgs.virginia.gov/dcls>. Laboratories should also review in full the standard (i.e., **2016 TNI Volume 1**) to which they will be accountable, along with the revised regulation (1VAC30-46), to ensure compliance by November 1, 2022.